

# Please...

**don't ignore this  
boat excise tax bill  
even if your boat  
has been ...**

- ☒ **Sold**
- ☒ **Traded**
- ☒ **Stolen**
- ☒ **Declared a  
Total Loss**
- ☒ **Junked**

**or if you have...**

- ☒ **Boat moored  
in another city  
or town**
- ☒ **Moved boat from  
Massachusetts**

**or if you are...**

- ☒ **Entitled to an  
Exemption**

If any of the above situations apply to you, kindly follow the instructions to the left and return this form to the City of Boston, Taxpayer Referral & Assistance Center (TRAC).



If you have questions about this bill or payment of your boat excise tax, contact the Taxpayer Referral & Assistance Center (TRAC) at (617) 635-4287. The TRAC office is located in Room M5, Mezzanine level of City Hall. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 9AM - 5PM.

For Information online: [www.cityofboston.gov/trac](http://www.cityofboston.gov/trac)



Regarding Registration and Cancellation or Status Change for Massachusetts documented boats contact:

Division of Environmental  
Law Enforcement  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 101  
Boston, Massachusetts 02114  
(617) 626-1610

Regarding Registration and Cancellation or Status Change for Federal documented boats contact:

National Vessel Documentation Center  
792 T J Jackson Drive  
Falling Waters, WV 25419  
(Toll Free) (800) 799.8362  
(Main) (304) 271-2400  
(Status Questions) (304) 271-2410



**Thomas M. Menino, Mayor   Ronald W. Rakow, Commissioner**



## **Boat Excise Tax Bill** **Abatement Form**

### **Important Instructions Regarding the Enclosed Boat Excise Tax Bill**

If you have questions about this bill or abatement of your boat excise tax, contact the Taxpayer Referral & Assistance Center (TRAC). The TRAC office is located in Room M5, Mezzanine level of City Hall.

NOTE: An application for Abatement does not stay the collection of the Boat Excise Tax. In order to avoid interest charges and fees, your excise tax bill must be paid within sixty (60) days from the bill's issue date.



**(617) 635-4287**  
City of Boston, Assessing Department

# Important...

## Instructions Regarding the Enclosed Boat Excise Tax Bill

- Fill out the information at right if you wish to apply for an abatement on your excise tax bill. Abatement applications must be filed within three years after the excise is due, or one year after the excise was paid, whichever is later.
- In the event an abatement is granted due to sale, trade, theft, total loss, removal of the boat from the City of Boston, or overvaluation, the amount abated will be refunded to you.
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## ABATEMENT FORM (All information must be supplied for the bill to be abated.)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (as shown on bill)

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR OF BILL \_\_\_\_\_ (as shown on bill)

REGISTRATION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ (as shown on bill)

CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ (if different)

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: [Home] - (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ [Business] - (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### THE BOAT, SHIP OR VESSEL WHICH THE ENCLOSED BILL REPRESENTS HAS BEEN:

Check if applicable:

Provide a copy of the following documentation:

☐ SOLD:

Bill of Sale showing date of transfer and name of transferee, **and**  
Cancelled Registration from the Division of Environmental Law Enforcement  
OR from the National Vessel Documentation Center

☐ TRADED:

New Registration Form and Purchase Agreement citing boat as a trade-in

☐ STOLEN OR  
TOTAL LOSS:

Insurance Company Settlement Letter **and** Cancelled Registration  
from the Division of Law Enforcement

☐ JUNKED:

Receipt from Junkyard and a copy of Cancelled Registration

☐ BOAT MOORED  
IN ANOTHER MASSACHUSETTS  
CITY OR TOWN:

(Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ )  
Letter from Harbormaster or Paid Excise Bill from Massachusetts City or Town

☐ MOVED BOAT FROM  
MASSACHUSETTS:

(Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ )  
Registration Form from New State or Documentation from the Harbormaster

### THE BOAT, SHIP OR VESSEL WHICH THE ENCLOSED BILL REPRESENTS IS:

☐ EXEMPT:

(Proof of entitlement to statutory exemption)

☐ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBSCRIBED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY

SIGNATURE OF ASSESSED PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN TO:** Taxpayer Referral & Assistance Center (TRAC), Room M5, City Hall Square, Boston, MA 02201